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SUBJ: VISIT OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD

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1. IN MOVE BILLED AS CONSOLIDATION OF BROTHERLY TIES, AFGHAN PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAOUD IS VISITING IRAN APRIL 26-30 AT SHAH'S INVITATION. HE WAS RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY SHAH AND GIVEN USUAL CEREMONIAL WELCOME PROVIDED HEADS OF STATE, INCLUDING BANQUET AT NIAVERAN PALACE. IN STATEMENTS FOR PRESS, BOTH SHAH AND DAOUD REVIEWED CLOSE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH BIND THEIR NATIONS. THEY NOTED IMPROVING STATUS OF IRAN/AFGHAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BUT DID NOT MENTION SPECIFICS. IN NATIONALLY BROADCAST TV INTERVIEW PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, DAOUD EXPRESSED OPTIMISM FOR EXPANSION OF THESE RELATIONS BUT PRESS SPECULATION HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO REHASH OF OFT MENTIONED MUTUAL COOPERATION PROJECTS SUCH AS KABUL/BANDAR ABBAS RAILROAD AND OF IRANIAN-OFFERED AID WHICH HAS YET TO BE UTILIZED.

2. EDITORIALS HAVE COOMENTED IN SIMILAR VEIN. ONE EDITORIAL LAUDED DAOUD'S ROLE AS STRONG MAN, MODERNIZER AND COUP MAKER BUT CAREFULLY OMITTED ANY MENTION OF DAOUD'S OVERTHROW OF A
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CROWNED HEAD. A FEATURE ARTICLE ABOUT DAOUD REFERRED TO QTE

STURDY PATHANS UNQTE BUT DID NOT MENTION EITHER PAST OR PRESENT
INVOLVEMENT IN TRIBAL ISSUES BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN.

3. ON RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, DAOUD PLEDGED QTE PEACEFUL
AND HONORABLE APPROACH UNQTE IN SETTLEMENT OF AFTHAN/PAKISTAN
DIFFERENCES. BUT, HE ALSO DESCRIBED THESE DIFFERENCES AS
CENTERED ON QTE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF OUR BROTHERS WITH
WHOM WE HAVE UNBREAKABLE, SPIRITUAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL AND
HISTORICAL TIES. WE HOLD CONVICTION THAT USE OF FORCE CAN IN
NO WAY ELIMINATE NATIONALIST TENDENCIES OR COVER UP REALITIES.
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